

MARVEL
Comics

MAXIMUM CARNAGE

THE AWESOME
CONCLUSION

SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED

THE EXPLOSIVE
FINALE TO
MARVEL'S
WILDEST
Crossover!

63.95 US
54.95 CAN
2 AUG
UK £2.95

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE
AUTHORITY



DIRECT EDITION

00211
159606013722
Barcode

MAXIMUM
CARNAGE
ENDS HERE!

BARELY AN HOUR AGO, MANHATTAN WAS CRAWLING WITH POLICE INVESTIGATORS AND SUPER HEROES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BLOODIEST SIEGE IN THE CITY'S HISTORY. HAVING ALREADY CARTED AWAY HIS EXTENDED "FAMILY," THEY BELIEVED THAT CARNAGE WAS DEAD. THEY WERE WRONG! STAN LEE PRESENTS:

THE HATRED, THE HORROR AND THE HERO!

CHAPTER
FOURTEEN,
PART 1

EEYIII!

HIS SHATTERED RIBS FLARING IN A BEARING KALEIDOSCOPE OF PAIN, SPIDER-MAN INSTINCTIVELY LEAPS--

--EVEN BEFORE HIS EXHAUSTED MIND CAN GRASP THE STARTLING REALIZATION THAT HE'S CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO GNARLING MONSTERS!

TOM
DEFALCO
WRITER

MARK
BADLEY
BREAKDOWNS

SAM
DELAROSA
FINISHES

CHRIS
ELIOPoulos
LETTERS

JOHN
KALISZ
COLORS

DANNY
FINGEROTH
EDITOR

MERE MOMENTS AGO... THOUGH STILL IN A WEAKENED STATE, VENOM HAD BEEN FURIOUS AT HAVING MISSED THE FINAL SHOWDOWN--

--BUT, THAT WAS BEFORE CARNAGE ROSE FROM THE MUCK OF CENTRAL PARK LAKE!

WE SHALL HAVE VENGEANCE!

CARNAGE FOOKED US ALL!

HE MUST HAVE FADED HIS OWN DEATH BY COVERING ONE OF HIS VICTIMS IN A MOCK-SYMBIOTE SUIT!

YOU TORTURED AND BRUTALIZED US, AND WE TRULY FEARED THAT WE HAD BEEN CHEATED OF OUR CHANCE TO RETURN THE FAVOR!

SMAK!

YOU... AND YOUR MISERABLE FRIENDS DID THIS TO ME, MAKING ME FEEL THINGS THAT WERE BURIED LONG AGO... BENEATH TOO MUCH PAIN!

TOO MUCH ABUSE!

POOR BABY!

MY MIND IS ON FIRE!

KASADY'S STILL HURTING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THAT ALPHA MAGNI-ILLUMINIZER WE MANAGED TO COBBLE TOGETHER!

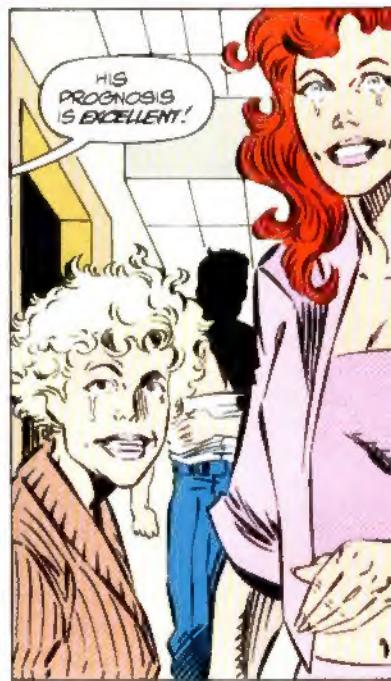
IT'S DRIVING HIM OVER THE EDGE!

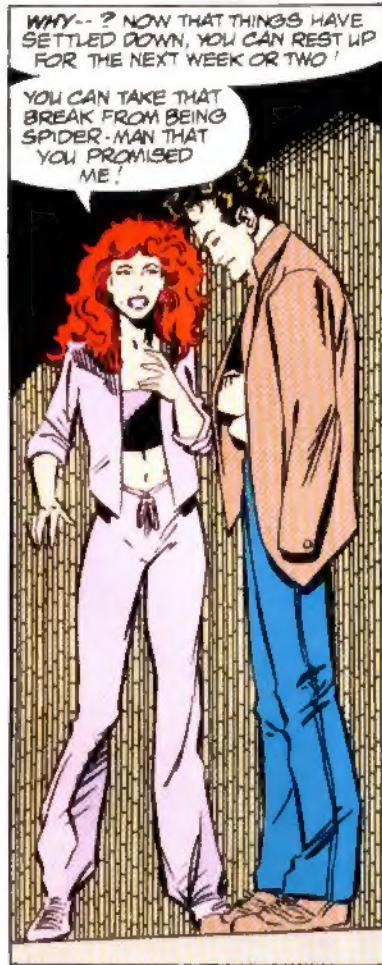


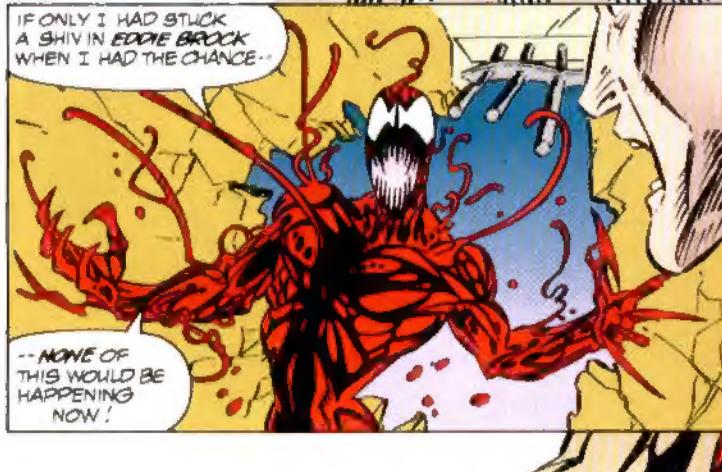
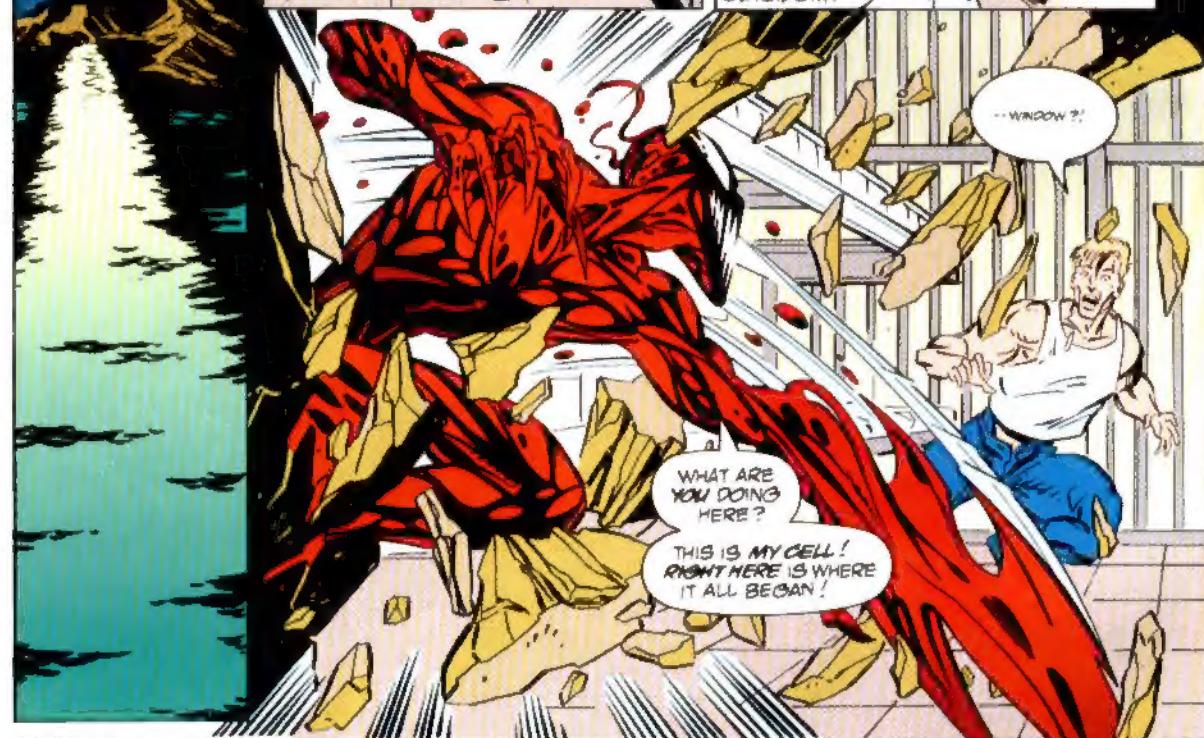




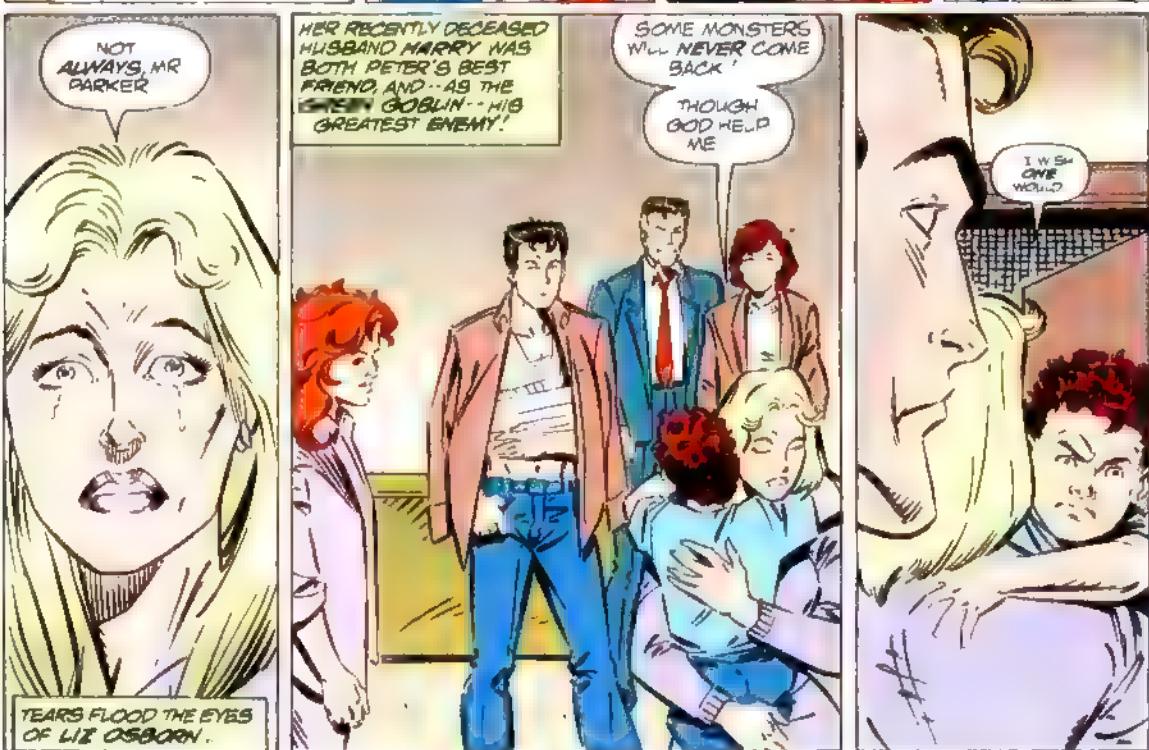




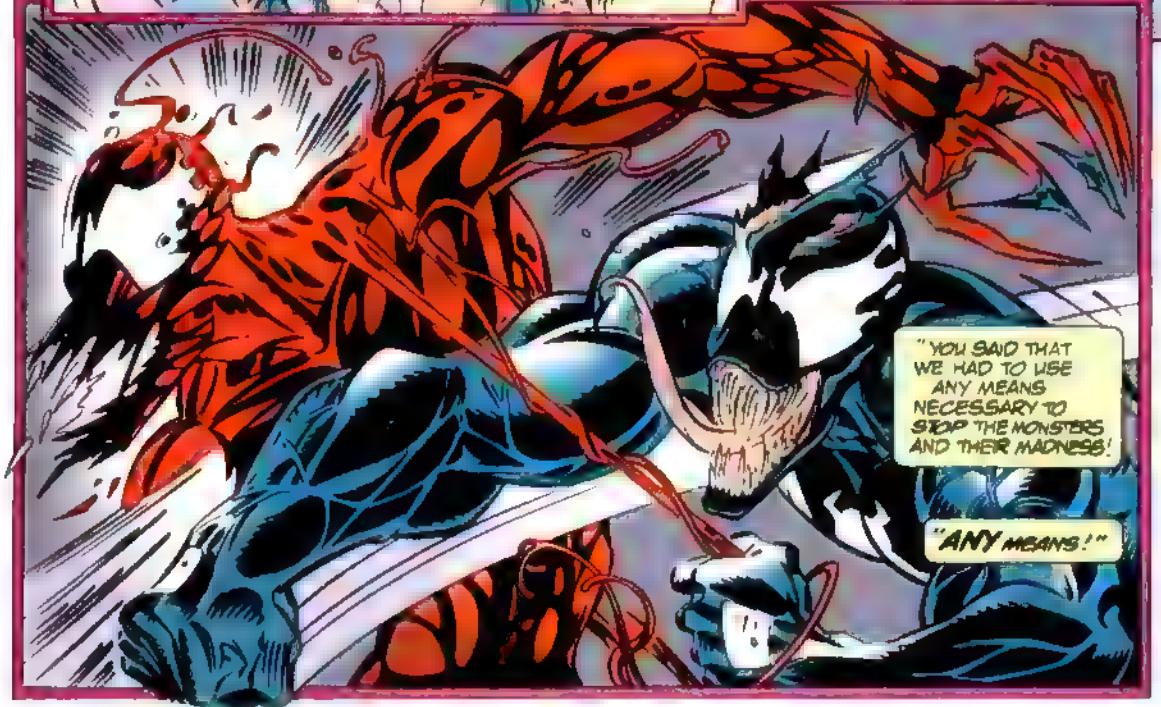
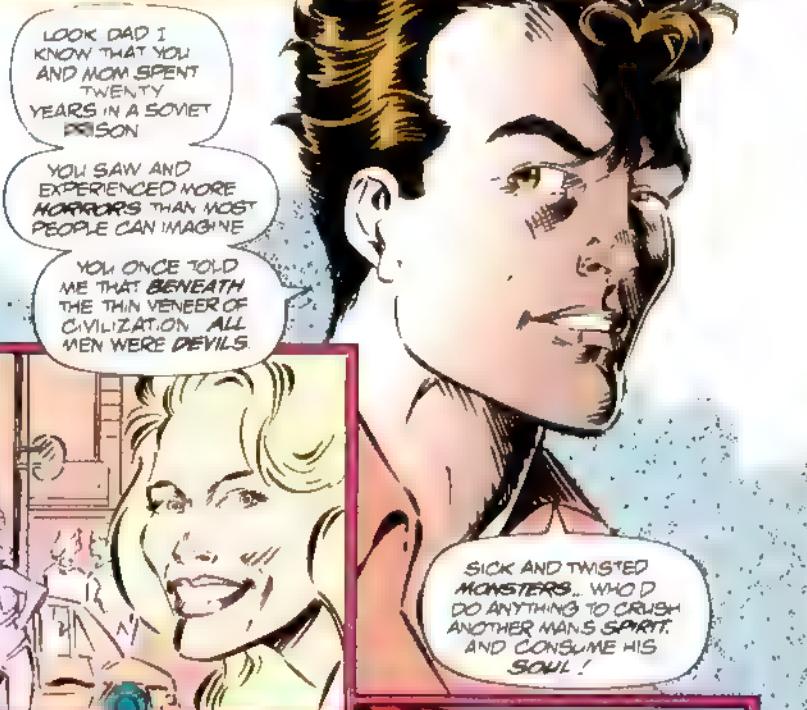








TEARS FLOOD THE EYES OF LIZ OSBORN.



I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S TRUE! IN YOUR HEART, NEITHER DO YOU.

SOMEHOW, YOU AND MOM MANAGED TO FIND THE STRENGTH... THE WILL... TO SURVIVE!

YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT HOPE!

"YOU'RE NOT ALONE, DAD! YOU NEVER WERE!"

"THIS WORLD IS FULL OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE THE COURAGE TO LISTEN TO THEIR HEARTS... AND WHO BELIEVE IN DOING WHAT'S RIGHT!"



THE DEVILS CAN NEVER WIN AS LONG AS WE HAVE HOPE!

THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T GIVE UP! YOU MUSTN'T SURRENDER TO DESPAIR--

IS THAT WHAT YOU BELIEVE HAS HAPPENED, SON?

AM I ONE OF THE MONSTERS?

NO, OF COURSE NOT!

YOU'RE JUST FRIGHTENED, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!

I REALIZE HOW HARD THIS MUST HAVE BEEN FOR YOU!

YES
WE DO







AND SO, A
KISS LATER

CARNAGE HAS
HELD THIS CITY IN
A GRIP OF TERROR
FOR FAR TOO LONG.
I'M DETERMINED TO
BRING HIM DOWN!

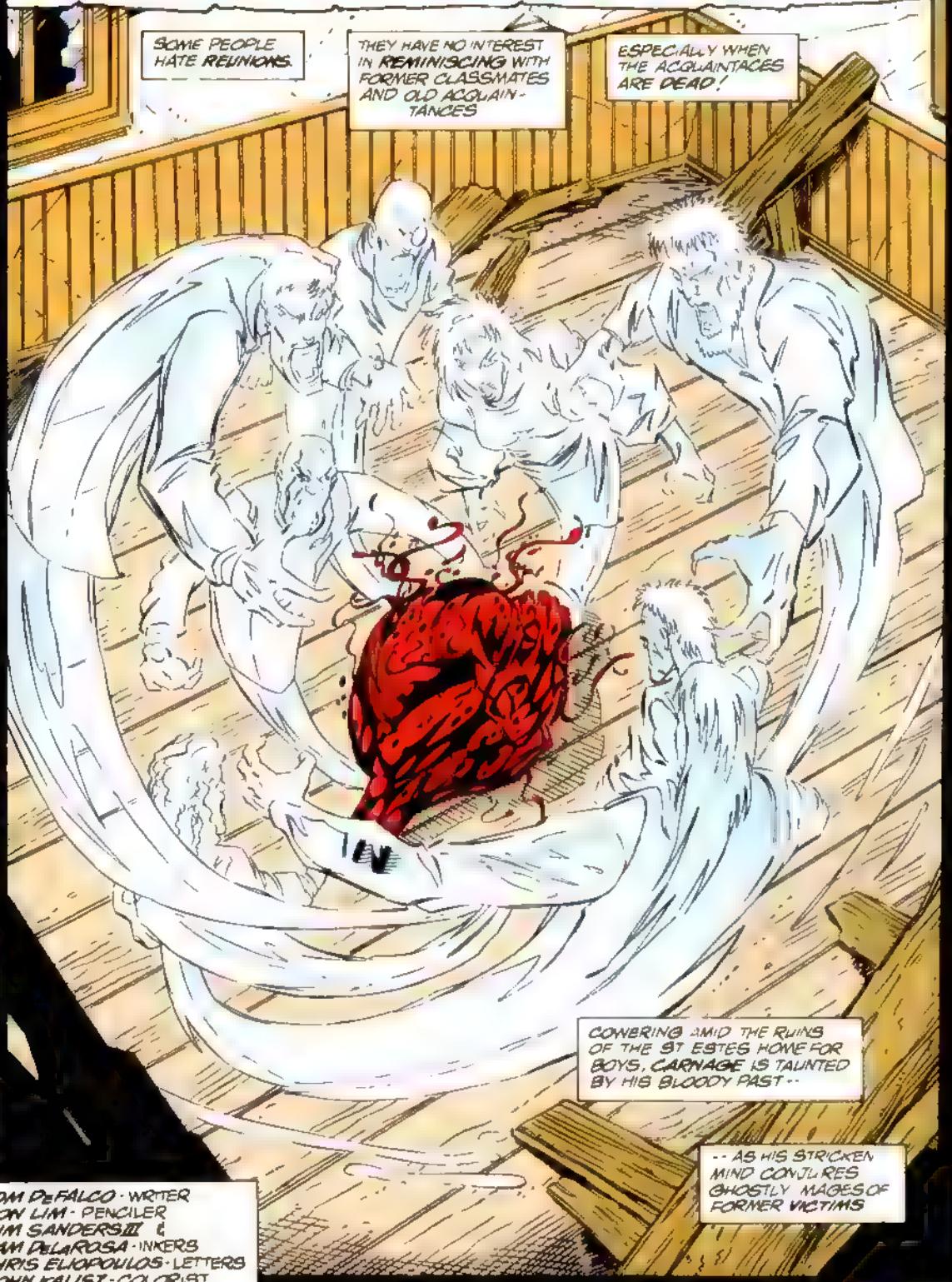
BUT I'M
GOING TO DO IT
MY WAY!

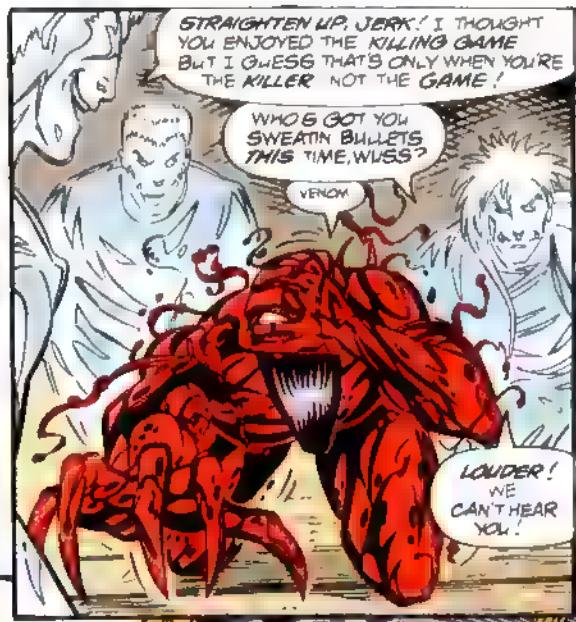
HE WON'T
ESCAPE ME
AGAIN. I SWEAR
THAT THE ONLY
WAY HE CAN STOP
ME NOW IS BY
KILLING ME!

BAGLEY- DELAROSA

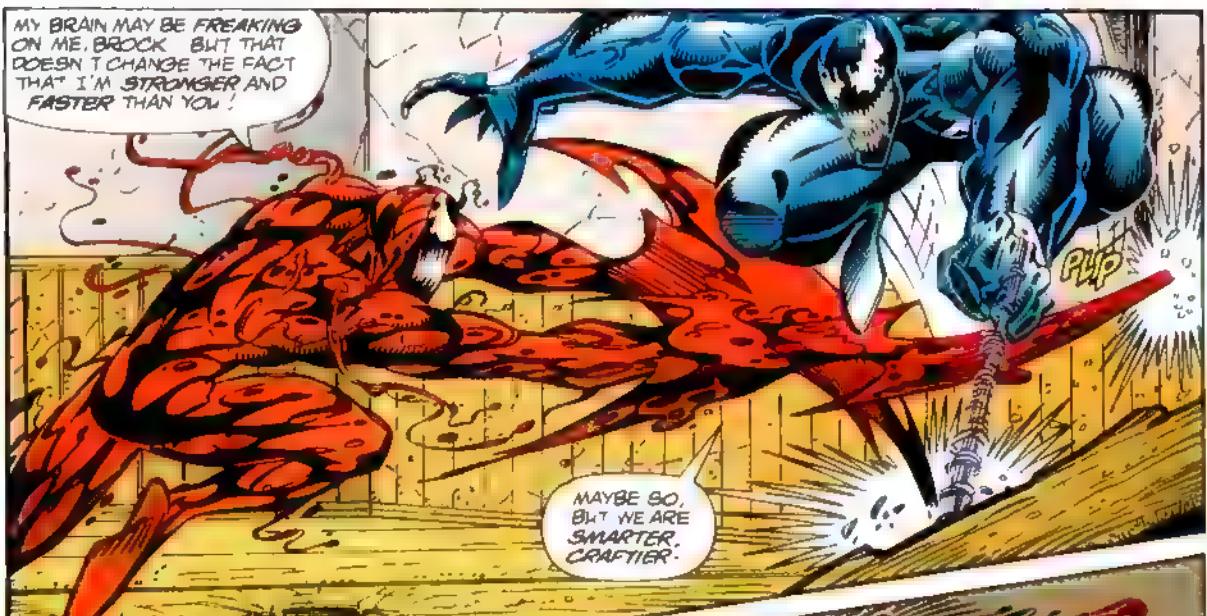
THE HATRED, THE HORROR AND THE HERO!

CHAPTER 14, PART 2





MY BRAIN MAY BE FREAKING ON ME, BROCK BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I'M STRONGER AND FASTER THAN YOU!



MAYBE SO, BUT WE ARE SMARTER, CRAFTIER.



GET REAL, BROCK! YOU CAN'T KILL ME! NO ONE CAN!

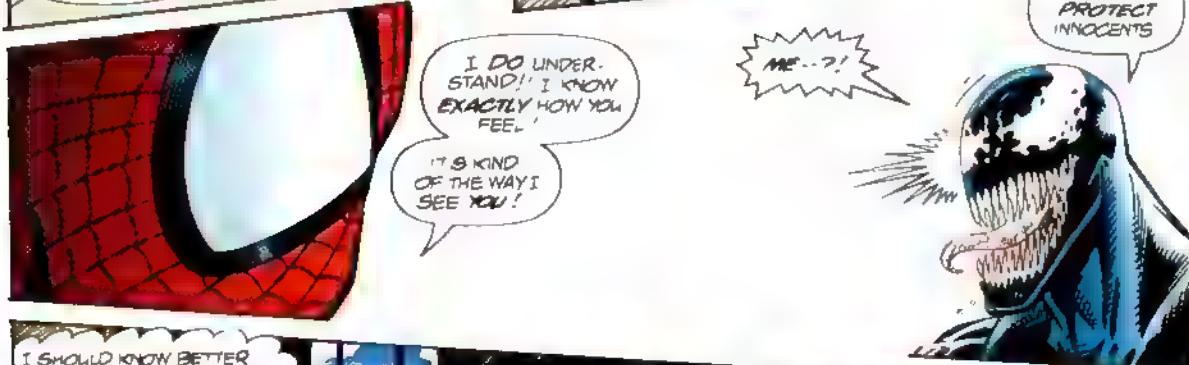


YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO SWALLOW YOUR OWN PRESS!

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE FIT TO RULE IS THE KINGDOM OF NEVER-ENDING PAIN!







FOR THE PAST FIFTY-SEVEN MINUTES, MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER HAS FERVENTLY SCOURED THE NIGHT

HOPING FOR NEWS OF HER HUSBAND



PRAYING IT WILL BE GOOD

DREADING IT WON'T!

RINGGG!

HI MARY JANE
SORRY TO BE CALLING SO LATE

THIS IS FELICA HARDY

I WAS JUST ON THE PHONE WITH FLASH THOMPSON, AND WE WERE WONDERING IF PETER MADE IT HOME ALL RIGHT



WHAT?

THAT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT THE LATEST NEWS REPORTS ARE TRUE

CARNAGE IS STILL ON THE LOOSE--AND THAT WEB SWINGING BOY SCOUT HAS GONE AFTER HIM!

PETER SHOULD HAVE MORE SENSE!

AS THE BLACK CAT, I WAS COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED!

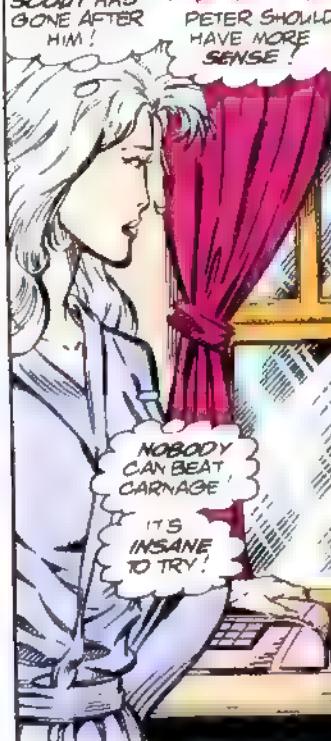
I HAD TO CALL IT QUITZ, AND BARELY ESCAPED WITH MY LIFE.

AND YET I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF SPIDER-MAN FACING HIM ALONE...

BUT THAT WOULD BE SUICIDE!

NOBODY CAN BEAT CARNAGE
IT'S INSANE TO TRY!

IF ONLY I COULD HELP...



MEANWHILE...

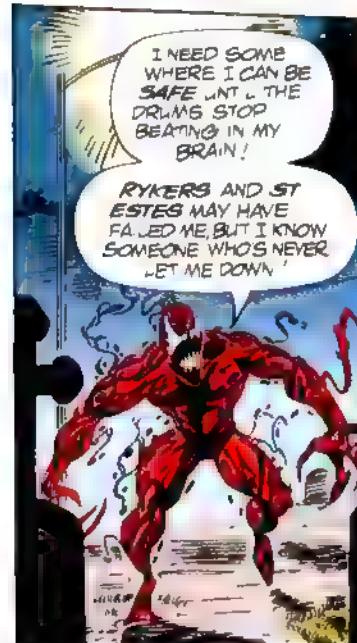
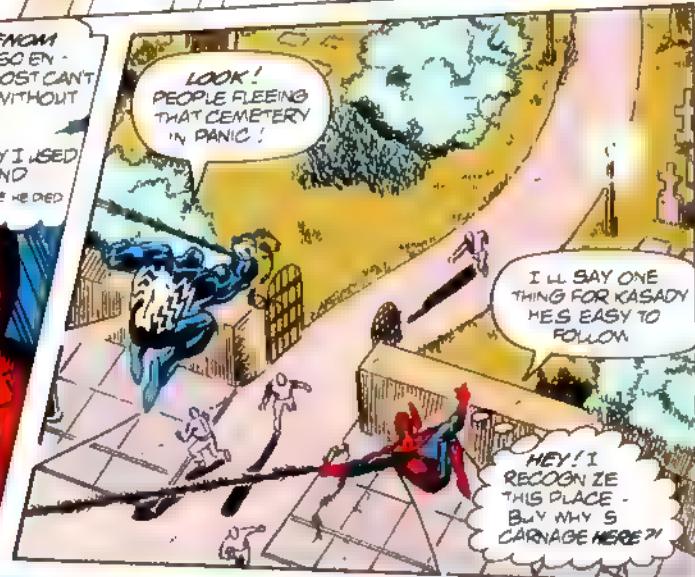
CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I'M ACTUALLY TEAMED WITH VENOM AGAIN!

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH HIM WHEN THIS IS OVER?

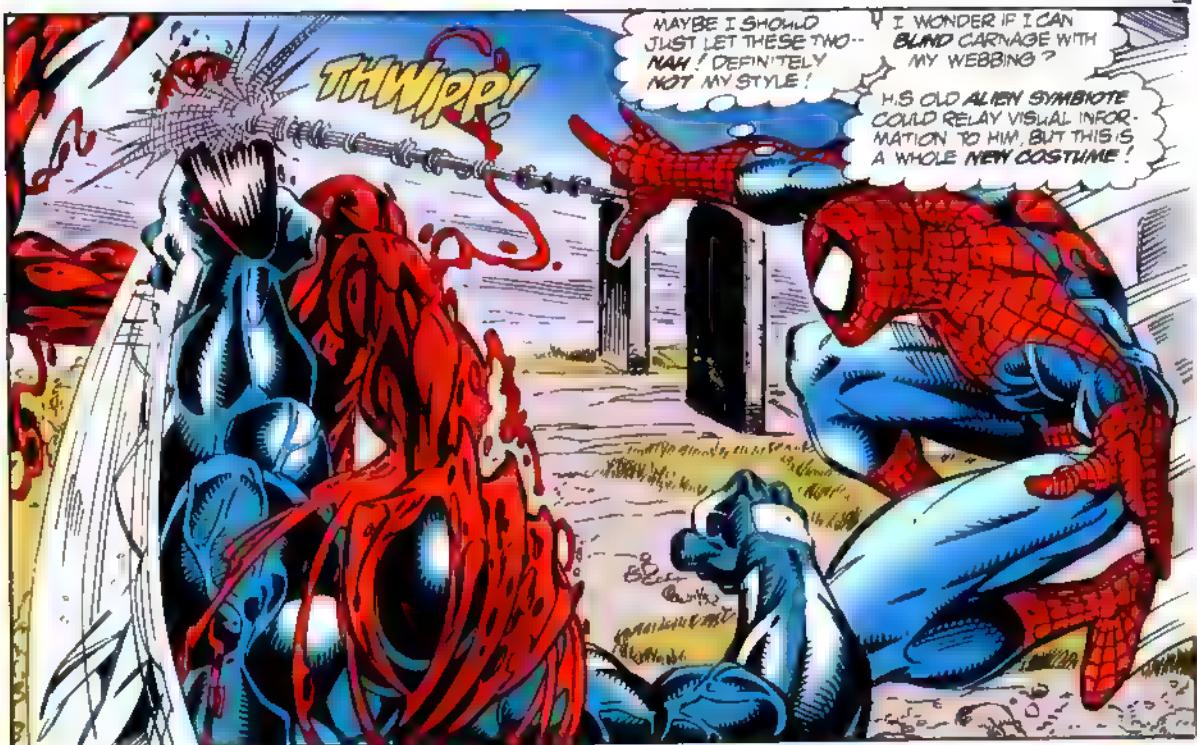
HE'S AS BLOODY THIRSTY AS EVER I CERTAINLY CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO GO FREE, BUT--!

TIME'S RUNNING OUT SPIDER-MAN!

WE ONLY HAVE A FREE SHOT AT KASADY WHILE HE REMAINS DELIRIOUS BUT--







CARNAGE
IS A THREAT
TO ALL...
...INCLUDING
MY OTHER!

WE CANNOT
ALLOW HIM TO
SURVIVE!

OOOO!
WE LL BET
THAT SMARTS!

SLAMM

WHOOPS!
ALMOST BATTED
YOU RIGHT INTO
THOSE GENE-
RATORS!

YOU WOULD
HAVE GONE
UP IN A FLASH
IN YOUR CURRENT
CONDITION!

WE WOULDN T WANT
ANYTHING LIKE THAT TO
HAPPEN NO, WE WANT
TO EXTEND YOUR
SUFFERING FOR AS LONG
AS POSSIBLE!

WE OWE YOU FOR
THE PAIN YOU VE
INFILCTED ON US... AND
EVERY OTHER INNOCENT!

BACK OFF,
VENOM!

TOO MANY PEOPLE
HAVE ALREADY
DIED. ONE MORE
WON'T SOLVE ANY
THING!

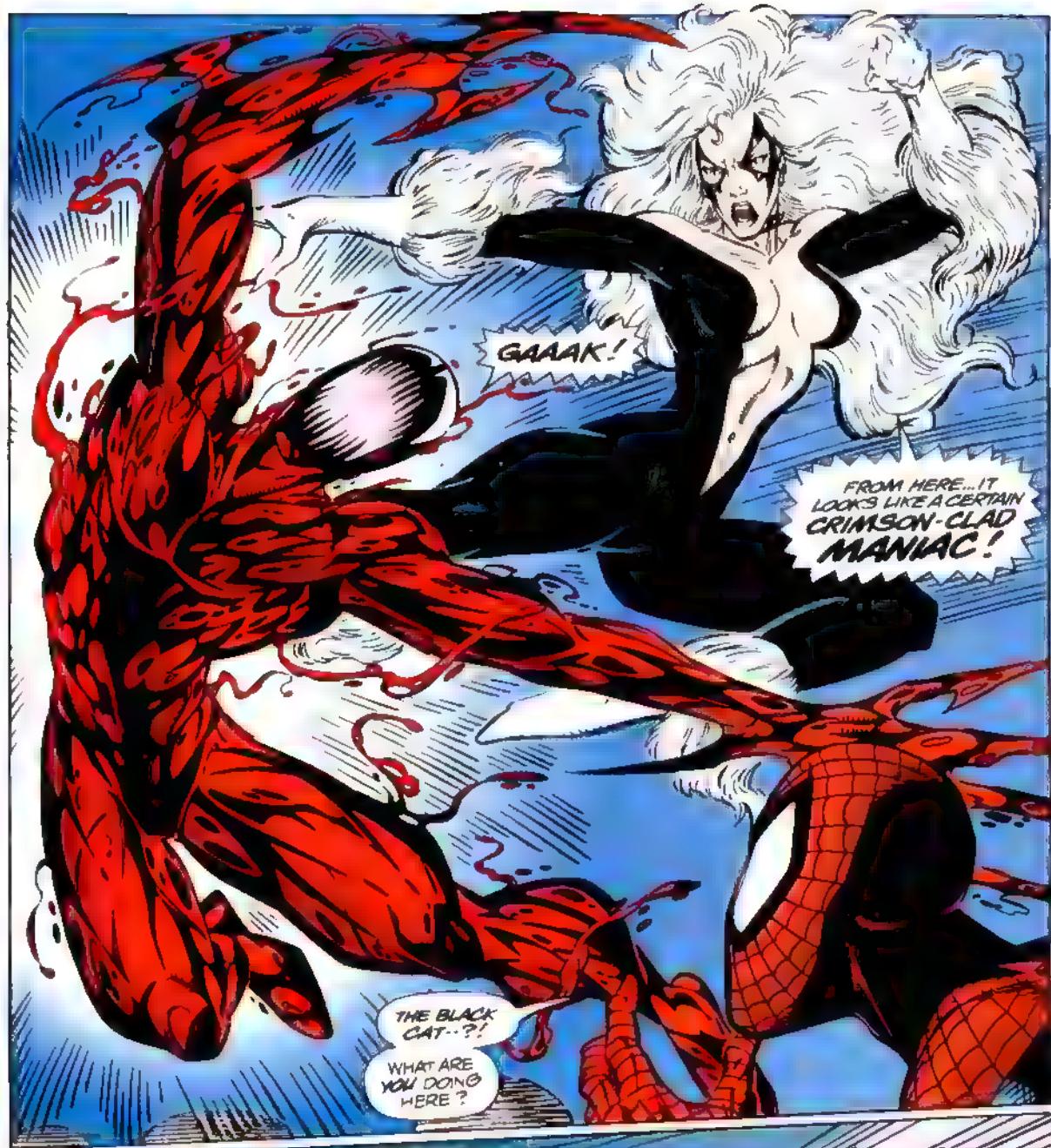
YOU KNOW A LITTLE
ABOUT THE SICK
CHILDHOOD KASADY
ENDURED. THE ABUSE
HE SUFFERED IS TAN
WONDER HE TURNED
OUT LIKE HE DID?

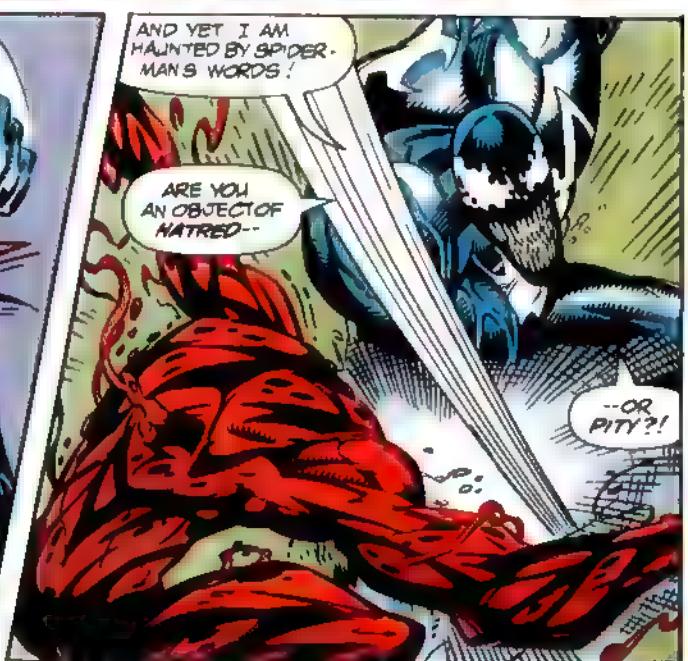
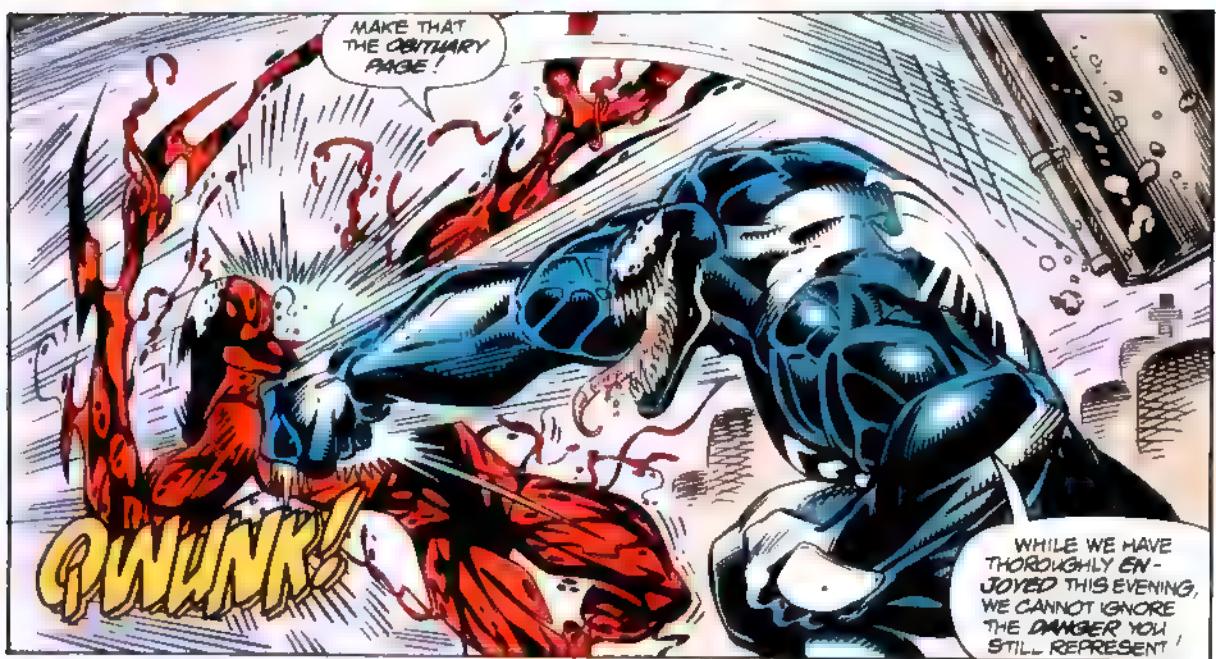
HE NEVER
HAD A CHANCE

IN HIS OWN
FASHION HE JUST
MAY BE THE MOST
INNOCENT OF
ALL

THE TIME HAS FINALLY
COME FOR YOU TO PUT
YOUR PERSONAL DEMONS
TO REST. BROCk TO BURY
YOUR GHOSTS IN THE
PAST AND BEGIN THE
HEALING PROCESS!







TELL ME, CARNAGE !
I MUST KNOW IF YOU
ARE WORTHY OF VEN-
GEANCE ..

WOO-
BABY !

YOU PACK A HECKUVA
WALLOP, PAL ! THAT
LAST SHOT FINALLY DID
THE TRICK . I CLEARED
MY MIND AS WELL AS
MY SINUSES !

... OR
PROTECTION ??!

NO MORE
COBWEBS !
I CAN THINK
AS CLEAR AS
EVER !

THEY, WE
HAVE NO
CHOICE ...

WE MUST
ACT BEFORE
YOU DO !

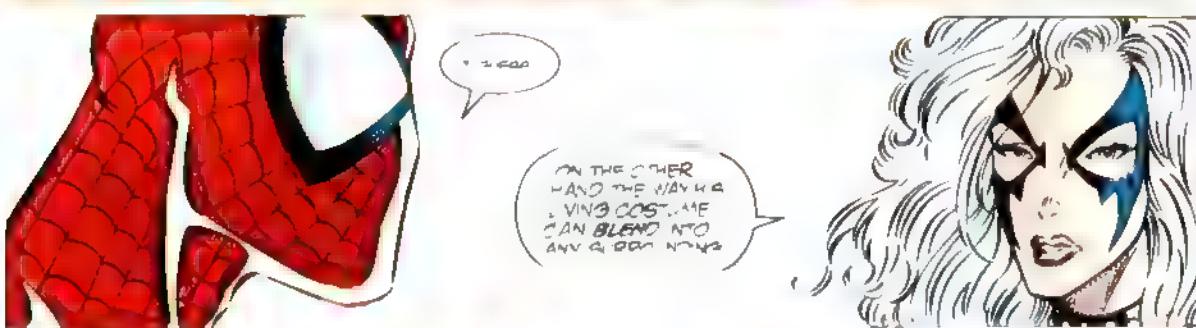
SLOW DOWN,
BROCK !
YOU DON T WANT
TO ACCIDENTLY HIT
THOSE GENERATORS

DO NOT
ENTER
DANGER !

NO.

NOT
ACCIDENTLY !

SPA-QWHOOM!



OR AM I ONLY RATIONALIZING
BECAUSE THE GUY JUST SAVED
MY--

HEY!
WE HAVE
COMPANY!

THAT DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE ANY
HELICOPTER
I'VE EVER SEEN!

--IT'S AN
AVENGERS
QUINJET!!--

CAREFUL
WITH THIS
JOKER!

CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS
ALREADY ADVISED US OF
KASADY'S ABILITY TO
REGENERATE HIS COSTUME.

WE CAME EQUIPPED
WITH A STASIS
CONTAINER.

IT ISN'T--

THESE AVENGERS
DON'T LOOK SO
TOUGH! I'LL BET
I COULD MAKE
THE CUT--

IF I TRIED

UH,
SPIDER...

I DON'T MEAN TO WEIRD YOU
OUT, BUT THAT COFFIN CARNAGE
DUO UP. IT'S EMPTY!

THE OLD EMPTY
COFFIN TRICK, HUH?
I WONDER WHAT
KASADY WAS
PLANNING--!

MAYBE KASADY
DIDN'T LEAVE ENOUGH
OF HIS MOTHER'S
BODY TO BURY OR
HE COULD HAVE HAD
A BIZARRE REASON
FOR WANTING IT
EMPTY!

AH, WE COULD DO
THIS ALL DAY... WITH
A GUY LIKE KASADY.
THERE'S NO GUARAN-
TEE OF A LOGICAL
EXPLANATION!

S' FUNNY 'EVEN THOUGH HE'S IN
AVENGERS CUSTODY, I DON'T KNOW
IF I'LL EVER FEEL TRULY SAFE
FROM CARNAGE!

MONSTERS LIKE
THAT ALWAYS HAVE
A WAY OF RE-
TURNING!

YOU NEED TO
HAVE A LITTLE
FAITH, PRETTY
LADY!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT SOME
MONSTERS STAY DEAD AND
BURIED FOREVER--AND THEIR GHOSTS
CAN'T HAUNT YOU UNLESS YOU
ALLOW THEM!

NORMAN
OSBORN.
BELOVED
FATHER



HARRY
OSBORN
IN
LOVING
MEMORY

THE END OF
MAXIMUM
CARNAGE!

BITTEN BY A RADIACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

STAN LEE
PRESENTS: **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN**®

"DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS IN YOUR LIFE? SURE YOU DO--WE'VE ALL GOT TROUBLES, FRUSTRATIONS, TIMES WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN."

"WANT TO KNOW HOW TO MAKE 'EM BETTER?"

I DON'T
HAVE TO...

HI

AK!

GOT THE
MONEY!
GOT
AWAY!

JUST CLEANED
OUT THE REGISTER
WHEN THE OLD MAN'S
BACK WAS TURNED.

YOU TOOK THE RENT MONEY
FROM THOSE PEOPLE BUT YOU
DON'T CARE, DO YOU?

YOU NEED
HELP



OTHER PEOPLE's DREAMS

KURT BUSIEK • STEVEN BUTLER
WRITER PENCILER

BUD LAROSA
INKER

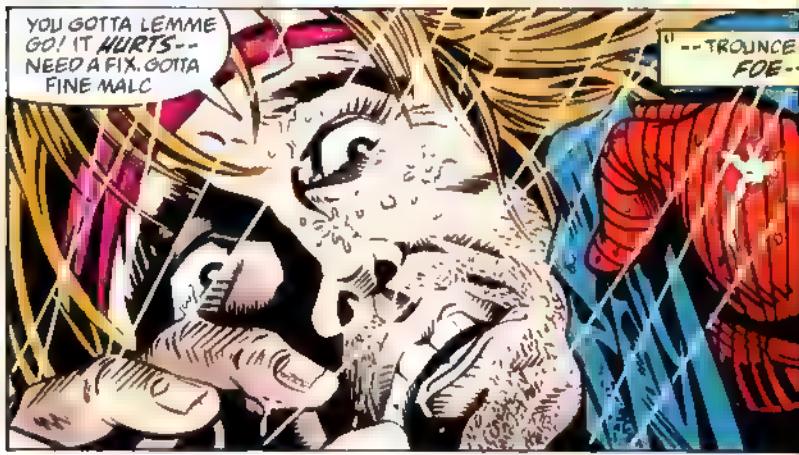
JOHN KALISZ
COLORIST

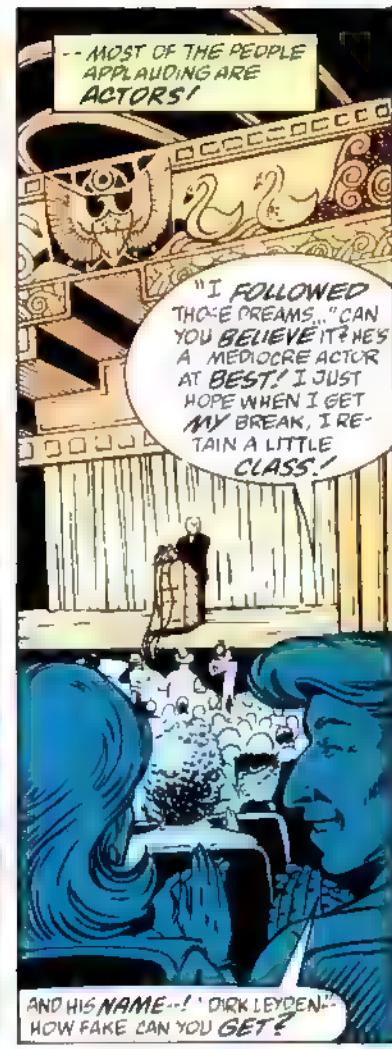
RICK PARKER • LETTERER
TOM DEFALCO • EXECUTIVE
PRODUCER

DANNY
FINGEROTH • EDITOR

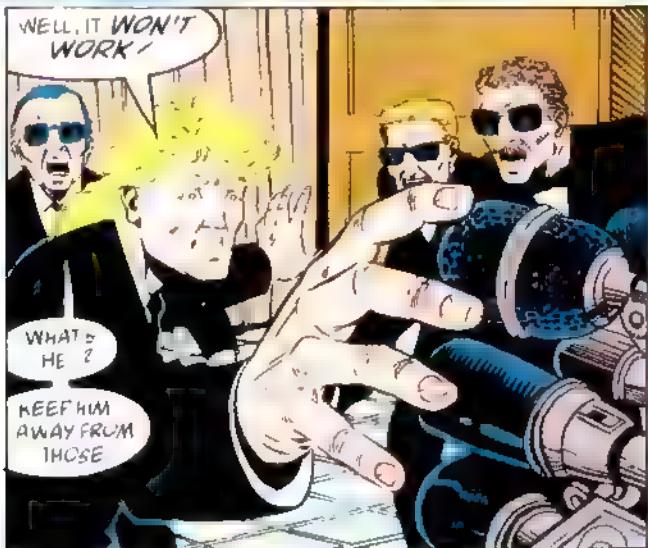
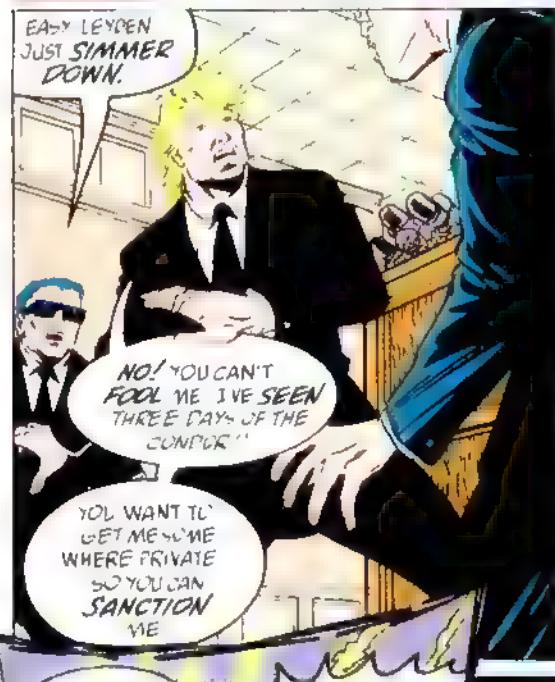












I NEVER SHOULD HAVE
COME BACK TO THIS
COUNTRY

I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
THEY'D COME
AFTER ME.

HE'S FLED
UP HERE!

BEST TO LET HIM
GO - LET HIM GET
AWAY FROM ALL
THESE INNOCENT
BYSTANDERS!

BUT THAT DOESN'T
MEAN I SHOULDN'T
HAVE A WAY TO
FOLLOW HIM!

HOPE THE INSULATION
ON MY SPIDEY TRACER
CAN STAND UP TO THE
VOLTAGE HE'S
PUTTING OUT!

NO ONE'S GONNA
STOP ME! NO ONE'S GONNA
SLOW ME DOWN!

JUST LIKE
SNAKE PLISKIN...
I'LL MAKE IT TO
SAFETY!

MEANWHILE

GOT TO GO TO
WORK HONEY!

CATCH
YOU AT
HOME!

CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE ON THE
TRACER SHORTING OUT.

GOT TO
GET ON HIS
TRAIL BEFOR
HE GETS TOO
FAR AWAY!

AND, MERE SECONDS LATER...

--THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN SWINGS INTO ACTION!

MY SPIDER-SENSE IS PICKING UP THE TRACER SIGNAL! I'M HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

WEIRD. THE GUY'S NOT
ONLY A MOVIE STAR,
HE'S A SUPERVILLAIN
TOO--

--AND I'VE NEVER HEARD
OF HIM EITHER WAY!

BUT FROM THE WAY
HE WAS SHOUTING, HE'S
BEEN HERE BEFORE--
AND THE FEDS
DEFINITELY
WANT HIM FOR
SOMETHING!

BUT
WHAT?

John
BEARD'S
JESSE
MUSIC
MATERIALS

UH-OH. TRACER SIGNAL
JUST CUT OUT. HIS
ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE
MUST HAVE FINALLY
FRIED IT.

STILL, HE
MUST BE
NEARBY--

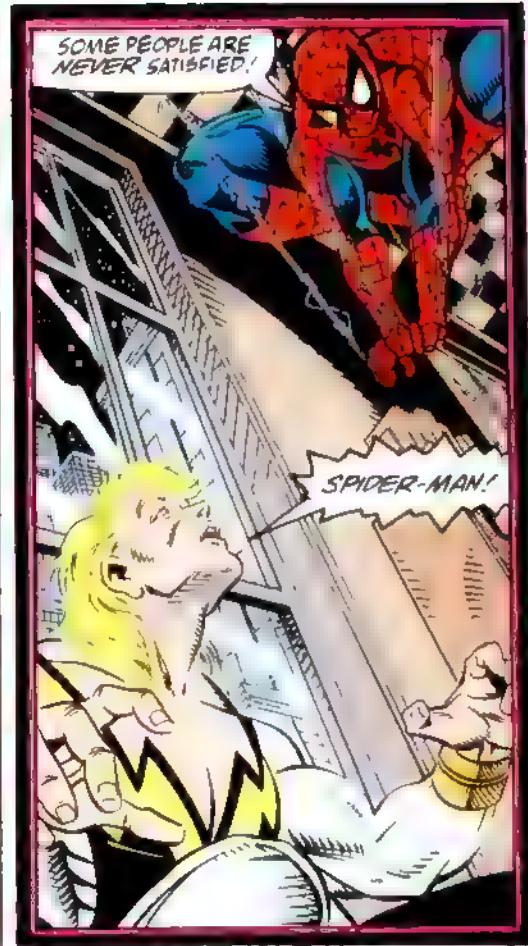
IT WASN'T TRATS THAT BROKE DOWN
THAT FLOOR. IT WAS THE HULK'S
BEEN HIRED AS JANITOR HERE.

--OR I'VE FOUND MY
WAND'RING STAR!

THWIP

BINGO!



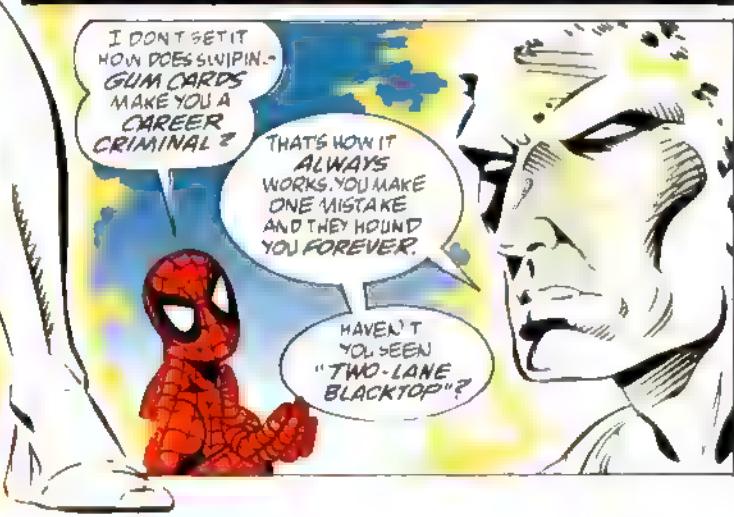


YEAH SURE THIS IS ABOUT THE POINT WHERE THE DESPERATE CHARACTER CONFESSES HIS SECRETS TO THE SYMPATHETIC ANTAGONIST. ISN'T IT?

I'LL TELL YOU HOW IT ALL STARTED

"I GREW UP, UPSTATE, IN PEEKSKILL, A NORMAL KID. I LOVED BASEBALL, HOT DOGS, APPLE PIE AND THE MOVIES"

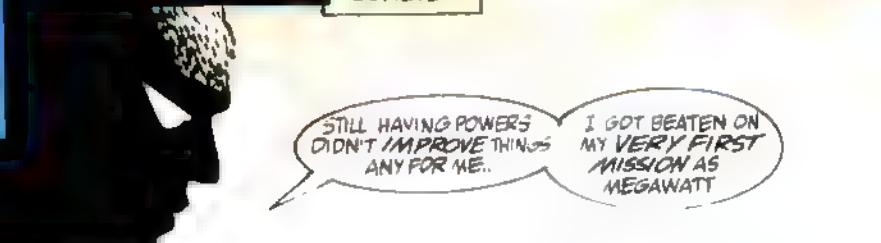
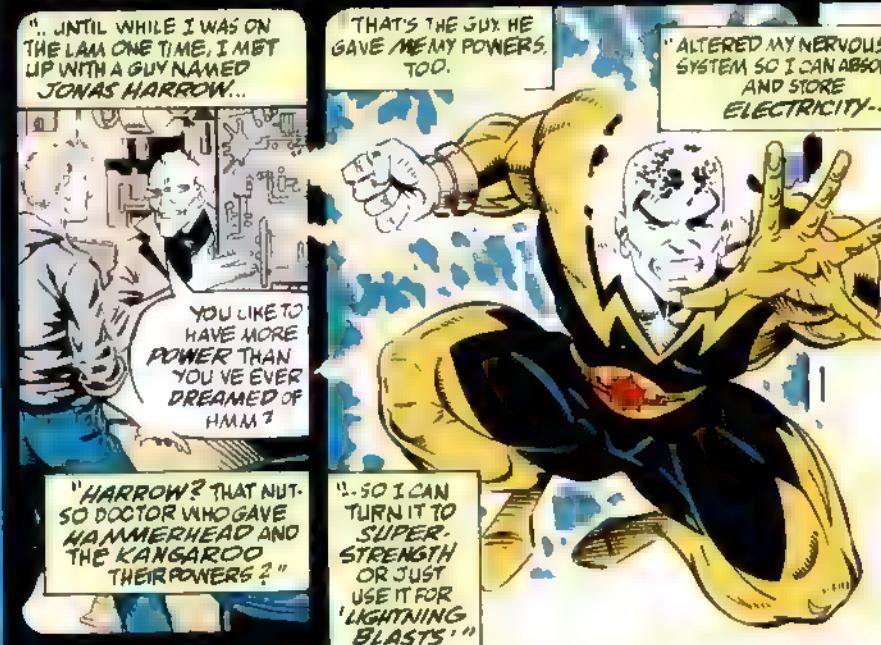
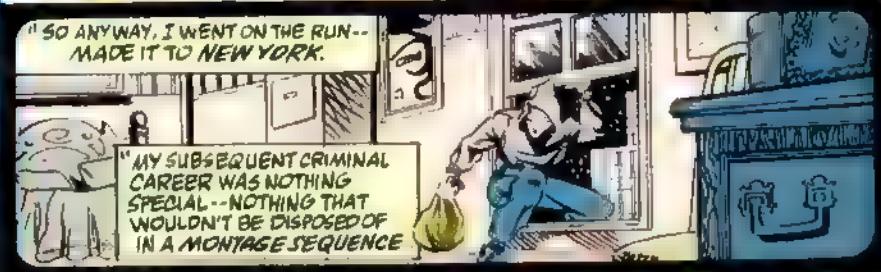
"EVERY CHANCE I GOT, I'D GO TO THE MOVIES, AND I KNEW I WAS DESTINED FOR GREATNESS-- THAT I'D BE LIKE MY FAVORITE HEROES SOME DAY."



MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE STREET, ASSOCIATE CONTRACTS MANAGER HANNAH CALKINS PUTS IN ANOTHER LATE NIGHT...



AND AS MS. CALKINS DIALS 9-1-1



"HARROW SENT ME AND SOME OF HIS HIRELINGS TO BREAK INTO A WAREHOUSE--STEAL SOME HT-TECH COMPONENTS HE WANTED."

"THE LOCKSMAN WAS ALMOST THROUGH THE DOOR WHEN--

DROP THE TORCH, BOYS

"THE COMPONENTS WERE KEPT IN THIS SPECIAL VAULT."

"I DON'T KNOW HOW HE KNEW WE WERE THERE. I'D HAVE SWORN WE BARELY MADE A SOUND."

"BUT THERE HE WAS-- DAREDEVIL, THE FIRST SUPER HERO I'D EVER SEEN."

"ALL RIGHT. DON'T SURRENDER. SEE IF I CARE!"

"IT WAS HUMILIATING. HE MOVED SO FAST--"

"...THE OTHERS WERE DOWN BEFORE I COULD REACT."

"I'D TAKEN ON A CHARGE BEFORE SETTING OUT, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO USE IT--"

"WHAT'S THIS? A JUNIOR-LEAGUE ELECTRO? SORRY, SON, BUT STARR SAXON'S ON THE LOOSE--"

"...I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU!"

"HE KNOCKED ME COLD BEFORE I'D FULLY POWERED-UP!"

BOKEH

UHHH!

"BY THE TIME I WOKE UP,
HE WAS GONE--"

"--BUT THE COPS
HAD ARRIVED IN
FORCE."

"AT THE STATION, THEY HAD SOME
TROUBLE FINDING MY RAP SHEET--"

WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
"NOTHING?"

"YOU KNEW THAT? A
SHOPLIFTING CHARGE
FROM MINNESOTA
THAT YOU'RE NOT SURE WAS
EVER EVEN FILED?!"

"YOU KNEW THEY'D
FIND IT?"

LIGHTNING DESIGN
ON HIS CHEST, SORTA
PLANET-THING ON HIS
BELT. ELECTRIC POWERS
DID YOU CROSS CHECK
WITH AVENGERS'
FILES?"

"BUT I KNEW IT
WOULDN'T STAY
LOST FOREVER."

OF COURSE
THEY WOULD,
SPIDER-MAN

IT WOULD BE A
VIOLATION OF STORY
LOGIC IF THEY
DIDN'T.

--AND I FLED THE
COUNTRY, WINDING UP
IN AUSTRALIA.

"I WAS BROKE...
I NEEDED A
JOB..."

--AND I FOUND ONE, WORKING AS A STUNTMAN FOR
KOOLABAR FILMS...

--AND THERE'S
AN END TO
JACK
DONOHUE'S

CUT!
PERFECT!

"IT WAS A
HAPPY TIME
FOR ME..."

- AND BECAME HAPPIER
STILL WHEN I GOT MY FIRST
SPEAKING PART IN 'VAN
DIEMEN'S LAND'--

"YOU'RE MIGERABLE HALF-
STARVED--YOU'VE BEEN
BEATEN WITHIN AN INCH
OF YOUR LIFE--"

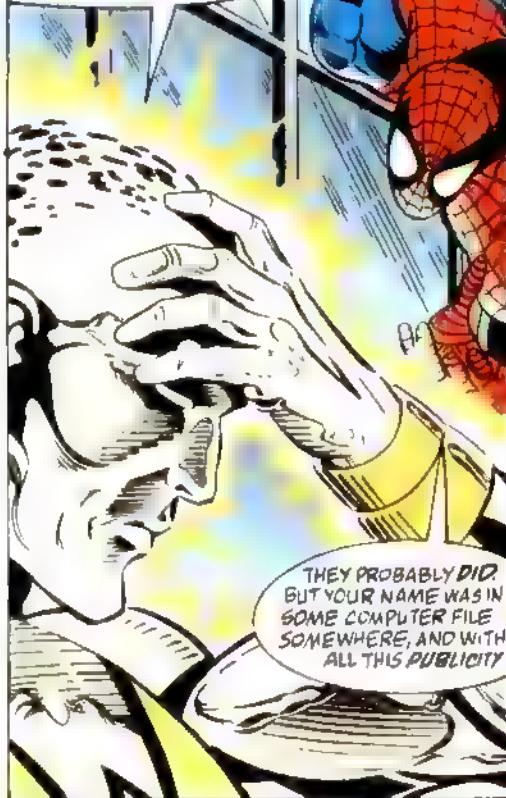
BUT BEFORE
THEY DID, I USED
THE LAST OF MY
STORED CHARGE
TO BREAK
FREE--

YEAH GREAT!
I CAN DO
THAT!

"THE REST,
SUCH AS IT IS,
IS HISTORY."

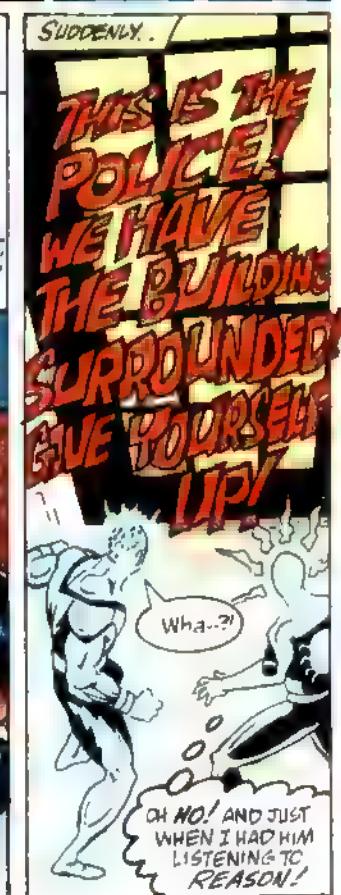
RE

I REALLY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SAFE TO RETURN BY NOW-- THAT THIS WAS MY CHANCE TO BE A STAR. I WAS SURE THEY'D HAVE FORGOTTEN ME BY NOW...



WELL I'M READY. I'LL PLAY MY PART BACK ON THE LAM AGAIN-- AND THEY WON'T TAKE ME EASILY.

IF I GO DOWN IT'LL BE IN A BLAZE OF GLORY, LIKE BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID.

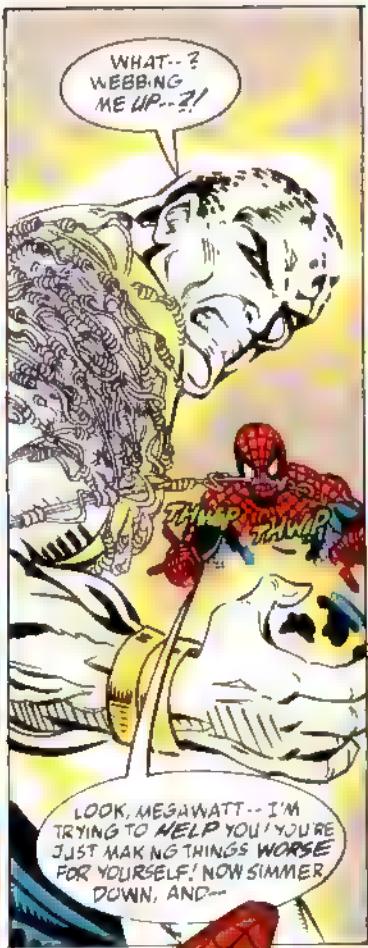




SPIDER-REFLEXES ENABLED ME
TO ROLL WITH THE BLOW--OR THAT
WOULD HAVE KILLED EVEN ME!

BUT THIS HAS
GOT TO STOP...

WHAT--?
WEBBING
ME UP--?!

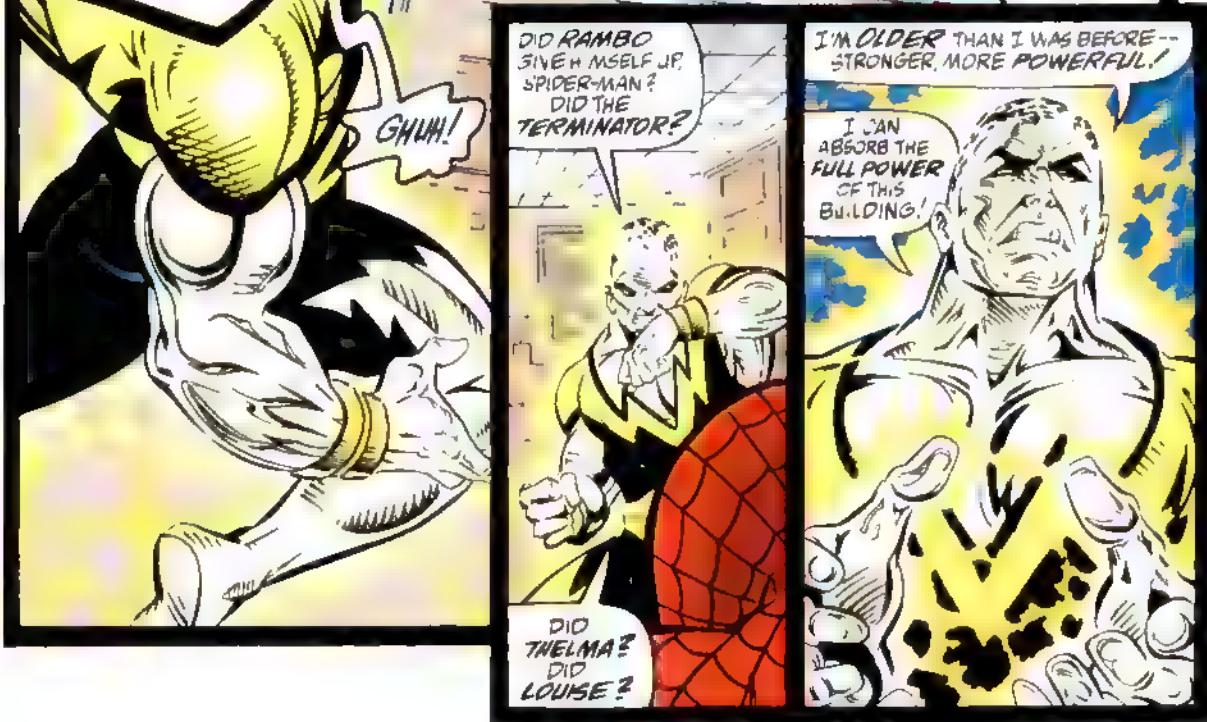
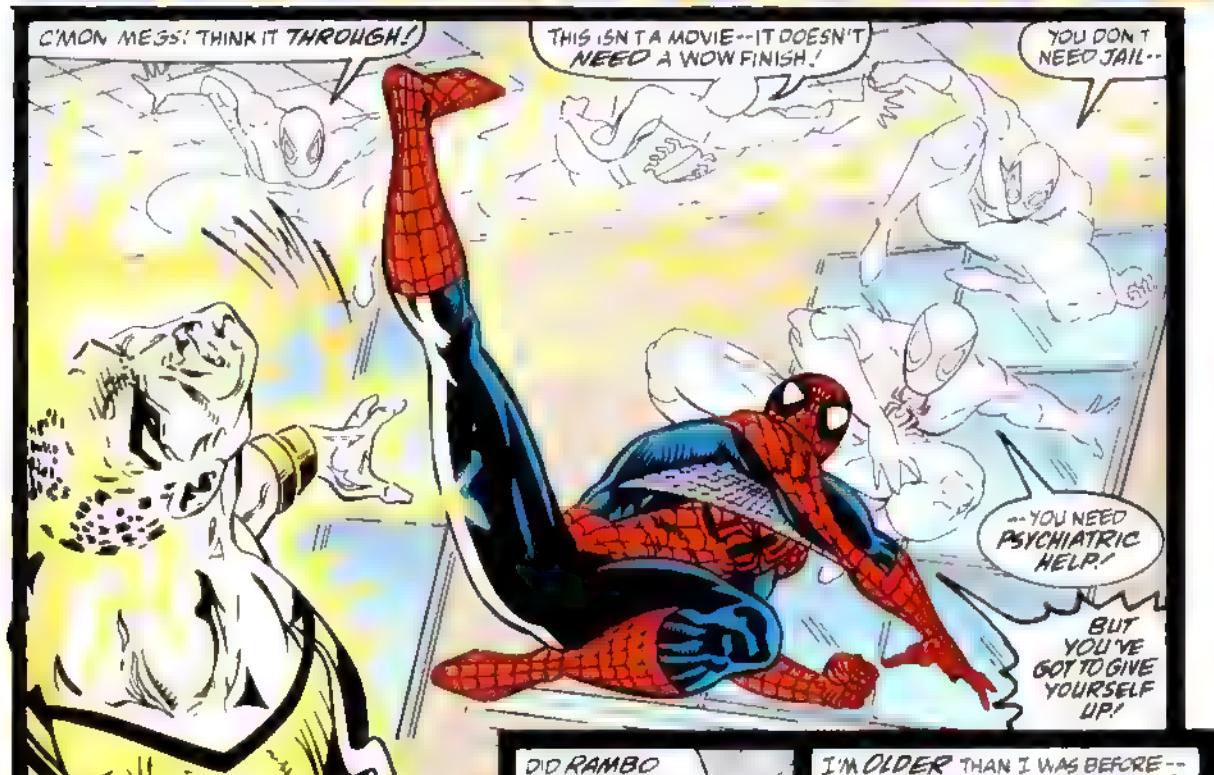


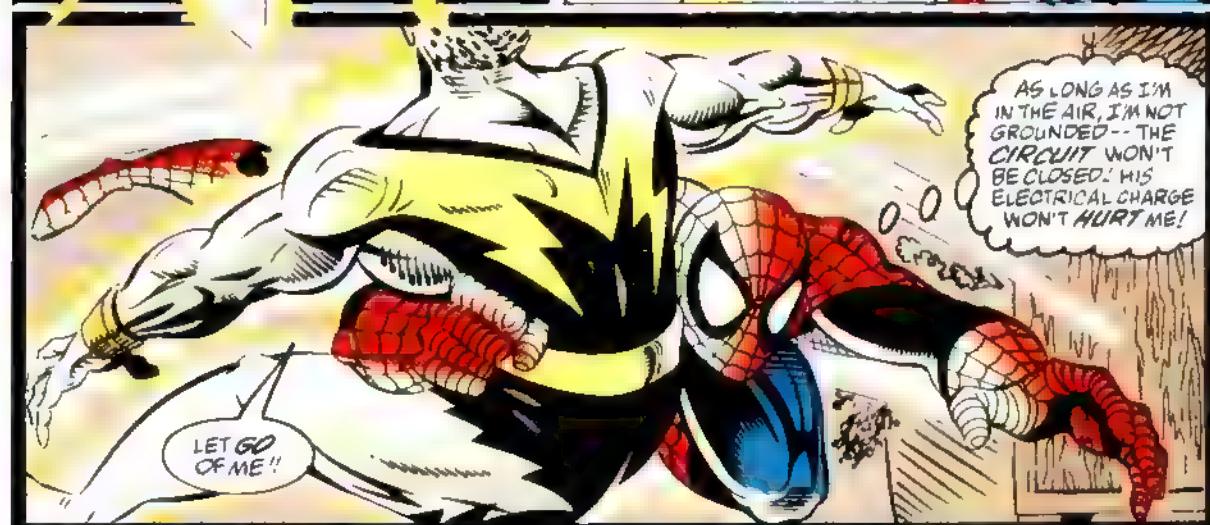
LOOK, MEGAWATT--I'M
TRYING TO HELP YOU! YOU'RE
JUST MAKING THINGS WORSE
FOR YOURSELF! NOW SIMMER
DOWN, AND--

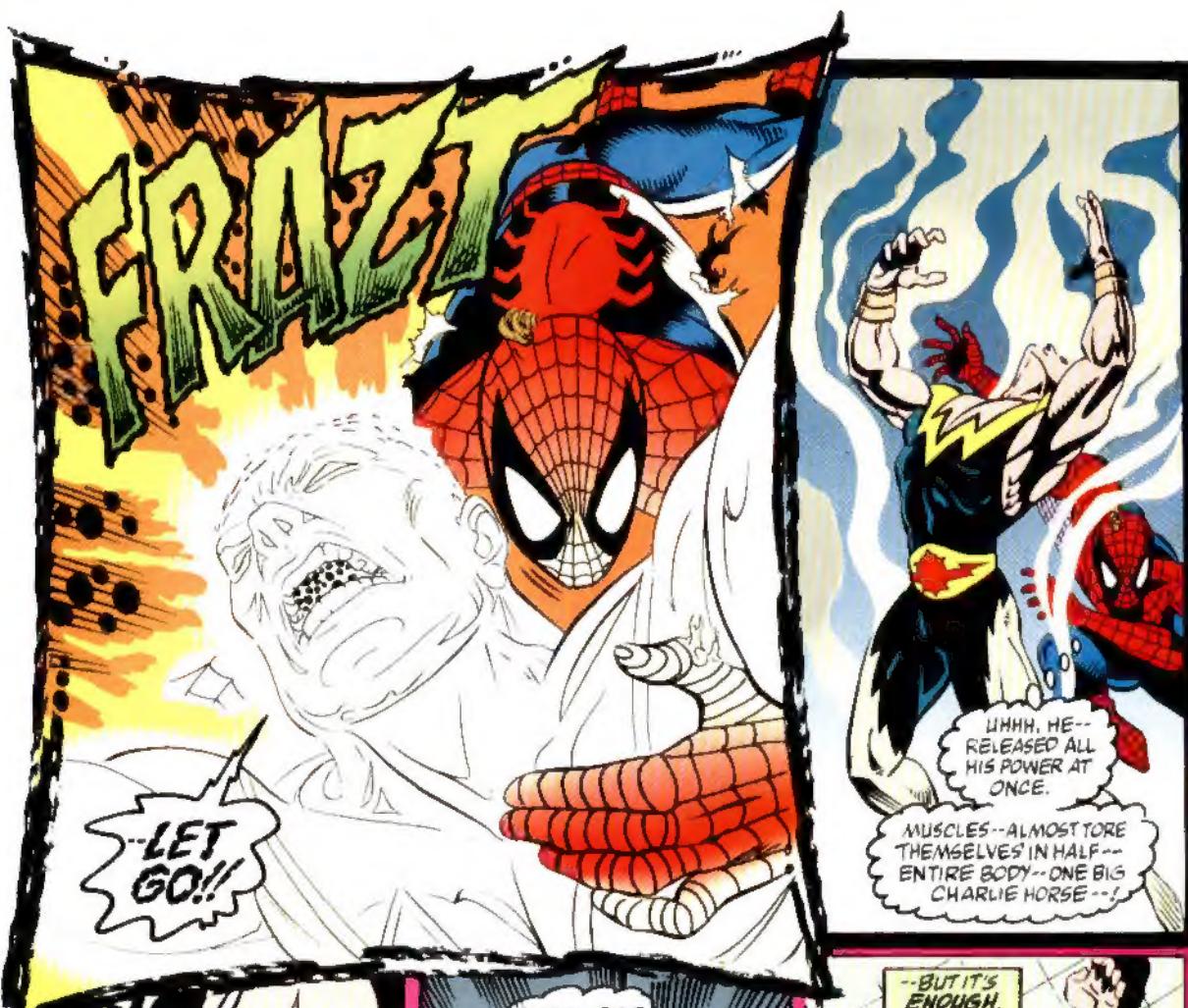
NOT WHEN I
CAN BURN THROUGH
YOUR WEBBING!

NOT WHEN I
CAN BURN YOU!

YOW! THAT WASN'T THE BEST
IDEA I EVER HAD... IF I CAN JUST
GET BEHIND THIS DESK...









AND, A WEEK LATER...

STILL ALL BRUISED UP, TIGER?

A LITTLE STIFF, MJ, BUT UNDER YOUR TENDER CARE, I'M--

--HEY, ON THE T.V.--THAT'S HIM! THAT'S MEGAWATT!

"THE U.S. WANTS LEYDEN EXTRADITED, BUT LAWYERS FOR KOOLABAR FILMS ARE FIGHTING IT, CLAIMING THE CHARGES ARE SPURIOUS.

--THE LATEST ON THE DIRK LEYDEN/MEGAWATT CONTROVERSY!

THE ACTOR-TURNED-SOMETIME SUPER VILLAIN HAS SURFACED IN AUSTRALIA ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE FROM HIS PUBLICISTS.

"WHY ARE KOOLABAR'S LAWYERS WORKING SO HARD TO KEEP LEYDEN FREE? BECAUSE THE CONTROVERSY'S MADE FOR BOFFO BOX OFFICE!

"LEYDEN'S FILM, BUSHRANGER, IS #1 IN THE U.S., AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE--AND IT'S FAST HEADED FOR THAT MAGIC \$100 MILLION MARK!

WE ALREADY HEAR REPORTS THAT A SEQUEL'S IN THE WORKS--

--AND LEYDEN'S BEEN SIGNED NOT ONLY TO STAR, BUT TO WRITE AND EXEC-PRODUCE AS WELL!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!

HE MAKES ALL THE WORST CHOICES HE CAN--AND HE ENDS UP RICH! I TRY TO DO THE RESPONSIBLE THINGS--

--AND ALL I WIND UP WITH IS BRUISES! WHY DO I EVEN TRY?!

BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY YOU ARE, PETER--AND I DON'T WANT YOU EVER TO CHANGE!

END

SPIDER-READERS UNLIMITED

All letters of publication must include your name and address so we will gladly acknowledge that information upon request.

Dear Mr. Fingerroth,

Despite initial misgivings (too much advance hype from the fanzines), the first installment of the "Maximum Carnage" storyline read very well indeed! I find Carnage an interesting opponent for Spidey... provided he's used sparingly, as other villains are, and I welcome him back! He's interesting in that he's not like other serial killers, who for the most part try to avoid drawing attention to themselves and their crimes so that they can elude capture and continue the killing streak. But Cletus Kasady seems to go out of his way to grab the spotlight, making himself a target for the cops and Spider-Man. I'd love to have a closer look at what makes him tick!

And then there's his partner, Shriek! A woman who thinks of Kasady as a role model, and a hot young stud with whom she has a lot in common? I've got to see an origin for her, no doubt about it!

So now that it's started, I must say I'm looking forward to the succeeding chapters of "Maximum Carnage" as they take us through the spring and summer issues of the various Spider-titles! As for the other two tales in this ish, the second Spidey piece, by Mike W. Barr, was a nice change of pace. We don't often get a chance to really get inside Peter Parker's head and watch him come to terms with the traumatic events of his past to any large degree. As a result, stories like this one, when we do see them, are quite welcome.

Finally, the Cardiac piece! Terry Kavanagh did a nice job on the first solo story (that I can recall) for this high-tech Punisher of white collar crime, and I wouldn't mind seeing a Cardiac limited series at some point for further exploration of the character.

However, I'm beginning to question the effectiveness of Code Blue! Every time we see them, they're up against someone so powerful that in spite of their

high tech weaponry, and the fact that they were ostensibly designed to be able to deal with super-powered menaces, they come out the losers. How about a story where Code Blue comes out on top, for a change?

Finally, some words about the direction of this title: please don't feel you have to tie every issue in with events in the monthly books. I'd prefer a format like FF UNLIMITED, in which each issue stands alone and deals with one of the lesser-used aspects of Spidey's history. Topics I'd love to see addressed are: the full origin of the Chameleon, whatever became of the two people who took on the role of the Vulture during Adrian Toomes' first retirement, and whatever happened to the original Enforcers! Other long-time rogues I'd like to see back include Mysterio, Lightmaster, and Will o' the Wisp... and I wouldn't mind seeing some obscure villains resurrected, such as the Big Wheel and the Hypno-Hustler! As for back-ups, I wonder if the White Tiger is doing anything these days...

David Peattie
4517 Birch Bark Road
Concord, CA 94521

Thanks for all the great commentary and suggestions, David. Be assured that all are being kept in mind (though we wouldn't hold our breath for the Big Wheel or the Hypno-Hustler). We don't want to tip our hand on the Vulture just yet, but be patient... It's gonna be great! Plus, you can check out the New Enforcers in recent issues of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN!

As for Code Blue, we seem to recall them acquitting themselves pretty well in a recent anniversary issue of THOR. Like us all, they win some, they lose some.

Dear Web-Slingers,

I have been enjoying SPIDER-MAN lately, but I have some things to say. First, in SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #1, Spidey said that all his enemies always return, but when he beat Molten Man in WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #62, Molty quits crime.

Also, please bring back the Green Goblin. Have Harry's son take his place or something. See you next issue.

Michael J. Gurley
2157 Sallee Drive
Lexington, KY 40513

DANNY FINGEROTH

EDITOR

MIKE LACKEY

ASSISTANT EDITOR

c/o MARVEL COMICS, 387
PARK AVENUE SOUTH
NEW YORK, NY 10016

Spidey was very emotionally distraught at the beginning of UNLIMITED #1, as he had just attended one of his best friends' funeral. Peter isn't perfect, and one of his most interesting flaws is that he tends to dwell more on his failures than on his numerous successes (like helping Molten Man and the Black Cat reform). His guilt over Harry's death is the latest thing depressing him, and his thoughts reflect that state of mind.

And we've got another one who wants little Normie to become the Green Goblin! Give the kid a break! He's not even old enough to drive the glider yet!

NEXT: Think this issue was something? Well, while Spidey takes a "breather" by going off on the Infinity Crusade (WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #104-106), battling the Hulk and the Jury (in AMAZING #381-383), tussling with Tombstone (in SPECTACULAR #204-206), eluding Electro (SPIDER-MAN #38-40), and confronting his lethal foes (LETHAL FOES OF SPIDER-MAN limited series), we'll be gearing up for next issue, where Doc Ock's never-before-seen past is revealed -- and he and Spidey have a battle royale in the present! Be here in 90 days for "Obituary for an Octopus" by Tom DeFalco, Ron Lim, and Jim Sanders III (and there'll even be an Annex back-up!).

